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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Department of State (DoS) Waiver Request for Department of Defense (DoD) Common Access Cards (CACs)

To meet the operational demands of critical mission programs, a waiver is granted to allow for the continued issuance of Common Access Cards (CACs) to Federal Government personnel working in the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR) under the authority of the Chief of Mission. The waiver also applies to prime contractors of the Federal Government under COM authority who receive life support from the Embassies within the USCENTCOM AOR. This waiver does not apply to non-U.S. persons. All non-U.S. persons will be issued a credential as determined by the USCENTCOM or one of its subordinate units.

This waiver is granted until December 31, 2013. All CACs will be issued for the length of the deployment or three years, whichever comes sooner. Except for specific circumstances coordinated with DoD, all initial CACs will be issued prior to deployment. Contracting agencies and contractor companies receiving a DoD issued CAC are responsible for registering contractors in the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker and obtaining a system generated Letter of Authorization prior to the issuance of a card.

DoS will be responsible for determining the eligibility of the personnel it sponsors and for assuring that CAC recipients have been properly vetted in accordance with DoD policy and the Federal Information Processing Standards 201. DoS will also be responsible for using the Contractor Verification System to sponsor CAC eligible recipients, and for maintaining 100 percent accountability on all CACs issued. DoS is responsible for recovering all DoD CACs as persons finish their deployments or rotate out of the CENTCOM AOR and returning CACs to DoD through appropriate channels.

DoD will continue to fund card issuance costs in support of this waiver. The point of contact for this action is Ms. Heidi Boyd who can be reached at (703) 696-0404.

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